es stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management, energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Number of licences issued to the 'No Industry Districts' of West Bengal

1171. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of licences issued to the 'No Industry Districts' of West Bengal so far by the Central Government; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, three industrial licences were issued during 1985 to 1988 (upto August) for setting up of industries in 'No Industry Districts' of West Bengal. Details are as below:

Name of Undertaking and Location	Item(s) of manufacture and capacity
M/s. Perfect Air Product (P) Ltd., Calcutta. (Jalpaiguri, West Bengal).	Oxygen Gas-0.47 mcm. Nitrogen Gas-0.47 mcm.
Kangsabati Co-operative Spinning, Mills Limited, Calcutta. (Bankura, West Bengal)	Cotton Yarn-25080 spindles.
EMR Polytex Limited, Calcutta. (Bankura, West Bengal).	Woven PP/HDPE sacks based on Circular Looms except items reserved for small scale sector-1200 tonnes.

Import of Rifampicin

1172. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not allowing registration and imports of Rifampicin;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c) since when registration of contract has been stopped contrary to the decision to allow registration and imports to the extent of 20 per cent of the requirements;

(d) whether it is a fact that import price is only $140 to $150 per kg. against the foreign exchange component of $ 209 per kg. in indigenous production of Rifampicin; and

(e) what are the reasons for defending such an extra-ordinary loss of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) In the current Import and Export Policy (April, 1988—March, 1991) Rifampicin has been put in Appendix-3, Part A i.e., list of limited permissible items.

(d) and (e) The price of Rifampicin bulk drug was fixed at Rs. 3098/- per kg. in October, 1986 based on the recommendations of BICP and was subsequently reduced to Rs. 3000/- per kg. in January, 1987 and further reduced to Rs. 2500/- per kg. on 28-9-1988. International prices of bulk drugs and intermediates fluctuate widely from time to time.

Monitoring the production of Refampicin

1173. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer

to Unstarred Question 3737 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the unitwise and date-wise registered capacities of Rifampicin under delicensing scheme;

(b) what is the validity of approval of each and when the period would come to an end;

(c) what are the names of companies which have taken effective steps for production of drug from basic stages;

(d) what are the details of the effective steps taken in each case;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not monitoring the production of Rifampicin;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(g) what was the production of each unit during the last three years, year-wise; and

(h) what are the details of monitored imports of Rifampicin for the current and last year based on the data maintained by DGHS and what were the CIF prices of such imports?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Details to the extent available are given in the statement (See below).

(b) Registrations under DLR scheme have an initial validity of two years.

(c) and (d) Manufacture of Rifampicin from basic stage has not commenced in the country so far.

(e) to (g) The production of Rifampicin was not monitored. However monitoring has started from 2-4-1988.

(h) Details to the extent available are given below:—

	1987	
		(Value in Rs.)
Bombay	Nil	—
Calcutta	Nil	—
Madras	750 Kgs.	22,75,662
Delhi	1,000 kgs.	31,88,271
	1988	
Bombay (Jan. to March, 88)	Nil	—
Calcutta (Jan. to Oct, 88)	Nil	—
Madras (Jan. to Oct, 88)	Nil	—
Delhi (Jan. to Oct., 88)	3775 kgs.	78,99,297

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Name of Unit	Date of Registration	Capacity (MT)
Lupin Labs.	25-6-1985	50
Themis Chemicals	26-8-1985	25
Dupher Interfran	30-9-1985	30
HPMIDC	30-9-1985	50
Japson Pharmaceuticals	30-12-1985	10
Ranbaxy Labs.	31-12-1985	50
Andhra Citrates	24-1-1986	50
Concord pharmaceuticals	7-2-1986	30
D.N. Sharma	31-3-1986	50
B.P. Chandek	11-6-1986	20
TIDCO	18-7-1986	100
Kamaljit Bakshi	6-8-1986	75
HPMIDC	3-10-1986	50

Name of Unit	Date of Registration	Capacity (MT)
PICUP . . .	17-10-1986	100
Tata Pharma . .	29-10-1986	30
Diamines & Chemicals	22-12-1986	100
D.N. Sharma .	29-1-1987	50 (Expansion)
A.P. Drugs & Pharma	27-2-1987	5
Lyka Labs. . .	6-5-1987	15
Ralson (I) Ltd. .	22-7-1987	50
K.A. Malle Pharma	28-7-1987	24
IPICOL . . .	29-9-1987	100
Gujarat Themis Biosyn . . .	16-11-1987	30
M.J. Pharmaceuticals	23-12-1987	25
Lupin Labs. . .	23-12-1987	50 (Expansion)
Rajasthan Antibiotics	23-2-1988	40
S.D. Pande . .	11-3-1988	15
Biochem Synergy .	27-6-1988	100
Unichem Labs. .	5-8-1988	100
Shanomax (I) Ltd. .	11-8-1988	10
Pancham Pharma .	30-8-1988	12

STD facilities

1174. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the new STD links proposed to be set up during 1988-89 and 1989-90; and

(b) the countries with which similar communication facilities are proposed to be set up during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(b) The list of countries to be provided with ISD facilities is not yet finalised.

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The new STD links proposed to be set up during the remaining part of 1988-89.

Hindupur, Gooty, Mancherial, Godavarikheni, Puttur, Srikalahasti, Akiveedu, Ponnur, Amdalavalasa, Amalapuram, Pithapuram, Kovvur (RMY) Diphu, Goalpara, Karimganj, Biharshariff, Chapi, Nandesari, Padra; Vasad, Dungri, Atul, Chikhli, Killapardy, Mehmadabad, Mudasa, Dabbuwali, Hodal, Palwal, Samalkha, Narnol, Gulmarg, Kathua, Kupwara, Hoskote, Kengeri, Ramnagaram, Badkal, Kumta, Gangavathy, Kampli, Gonikuppal, Gowribidanur, Tiptur Arsikere, Sakleshpur, Virajpet. Chittoor (Palghat), Vadekkancheri, Kottakal, Quilandy, Kunnamangalam, Elathur, Chelari, Parappanangadi, Varkala, Katni, Ambikapur, Chindwari, Jagdalpur, Mapuca, Karad, Lonavla, Ponda, Alibag, Kudal, Latur, Nanded, Osmanabad, Saiha, Jeypore, Sundergarh, Phulbani, Gorayya, Sahnewal, Rayya, Banswara, Sirohi, Gummidipoondi, Vridhachalam, Nanguneri, Palani, Sankarnagar, Manapparai, Devakottai, Dharapuram, Tiruvaiyaru, Cuddalore Kailashahar, Kasganj, Kaunauj. Rudrapur, Barauf, Hardwar, Moghalsarai, Deoband, Falta, Alipurduar, Mahe.